

ROBERTSON CALLS ATTACK COWARDLY

Aftermath of State Democratic Meeting Shows Rift in Ranks

IS UPHOLDING DENNIS

Governor Says He Will Not Desert His Friends Until Convinced of Their Guilt

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 7.—In the aftermath following the meeting of the state democratic central committee, two things stand out prominently. The first, and perhaps the greater interest, is the fact that Governor Robertson denied somewhat what he called "an attack" with his enemies. The second is the failure of efforts to eliminate his candidates and pit Tom Owen up against Walton in the primary. Thus both attempts of Owen to capture the state democratic nomination and his machinations in his own administration failed dismally, the lesser candidate.

The Owen attack on the governor was timed for the occasion. He already issued two platforms that setting up nothing but a series of repulsive notices against the executive. E. H. Howard, on the other hand, had been in the field for weeks, leading in the administration fight for control of the party machinery and as a candidate for governor, demanded the貫 of the governor's policies. Therefore, the committee felt that the Owen assault on the already weakened and bleeding executive was the act of a political opportunist, and for that reason the governor was upheld by the committee during the hot castigation of the day, in which he comprised of a welcome address.

Not United Party.
When the governor began his address of welcome, he was ex-
pected to have the usual complimentary references, a few words of which were supposed to sit down. But such thing happened. The first words of the governor were: "I would like some of the proprietors to stop just say so, the message which I am going to deliver to the democratic party through its authorized representatives here. I am a democrat, and can't be anything else but don't be made to believe that we are not united."

And this is the way it began.
When I took possession of the office of governor by the largest majority in the history of the state," said the governor. "I did not know all about it. We had been working along very well. Unfortunately, the administration has not had the co-operation of the party of the public press. The Oklahoma City and Tulsa papers have shown a tendency to magnify and misrepresent, and I have not been helped at all while I was trying to do the very best I could."

Everybody Guilty.

"I am going to take up some motions. There is the bank matter. Now if that matter everyone of us is just as guilty as the next man. There never was a greater injustice than the attack upon me in this bank situation, and the worst of it has been that it was instigated by so-called democrats. When I appointed Dennis his name was the only one I ever mentioned in the office of the bank commissioner. The guaranty fund was then in debt; but it was owing to the reflection policy of the federal reserve banks and not weakness of the bank. We did the best we could, and I have spent many weary hours day and night trying to save a situation which had been forced upon us."

"One thing I never did. I never got down on my knees and crawled before any caucus to secure immunity. Some state officials did talk about voting the ticket right. That time has gone by. We did the best we could."

Dennis was endorsed by the bankers when he was appointed, and was instigated by them as the fourth of last December. Read the resolutions of the bankers' association in session here on that date and see whether I am telling the truth. I don't know if he is a crook or not. Once in a while I still think he is. I am not the kind of a man to desert my friends."

Says Attack Cowardly.

"I was astounded this morning to read a letter written by Tom Owen to a Tulsa newspaper editor in which he attacked me. In this letter he is as good as a candidate himself for the office. Owen thinks by attacking me, he can best serve his own purpose. He hopes to ride to triumph on my destruction. Now I have not taken any men in this campaign, and have never tried to do anything in behalf of any candidate. But I have been bounded about as much as I will. And I want to say here deliberately that I will never nor any friend of mine ever do that again. Tom Owen is a traitor of this state. His cowardly attack upon me because he thinks I am unpopular with certain people whom he wants for himself, has earned for him the utter contempt of every man and woman who has principles."

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